to perform the duties of the Secretary during his absence, and during such time the clerk so designated shall, at the office, perform the duties of the Secretary for the Commission. The annual salary of the Secretary shall be \$4,000 per annum, payable out of the Treasury of the State.

- 160. The Commission shall have power to employ such clerks, stenographers, typewriters, inspectors and other employees as it may deem necessary in order that it may carry out the provisions of this sub-title or to perform the duties and exercise the powers conferred by law upon the Commission, at such salaries as shall be fixed by said Commission and appropriated by the General Assembly, payable out of the Treasury of the State.
- The Commission shall adopt a seal, and the principal office of the Commission shall be in the City of Baltimore at such place as said Commission shall select and determine from time to time. The Commission shall be supplied with all necessary books, maps, charts, stationery, office furniture, telephone and telegraph connections, and all necessary appliances and incidentals, to be paid for out of the funds appropriated for expenses by the General Assembly. offices of said Commission shall be open for business during the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on each secular day of the week (other than legal holidays), except Saturday, when they shall be open between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock Noon, and one or more responsible persons, to be designated by the Commission or the Secretary under the direction of the Commission, shall be on duty at all such times in immediate charge thereof.
- 162. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, for the performance of any duty or for the exercise of any power of the Commission, and it may hold meetings at any time and place within this State. Any investigation, inquiry or hearing which the Commission has power to undertake or hold, may be undertaken or held by or before any one of said Commissioners, upon condition, however, that said Commissioner shall have been first authorized by the Commission to undertake or hold such investigation, inquiry or hearing, and all investigations, inquiries or hearings of or by a Commissioner shall be, and be deemed to be, the investigation, inquiry and